

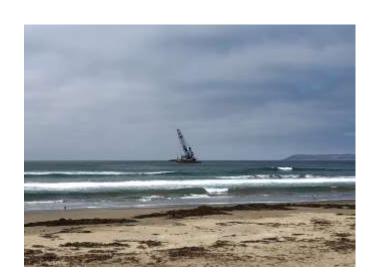


# **Coastal Facilities Decommissioning Challenges A Review of Recent Decommissioning Projects**

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#### **Past Decommissioning Projects**

- CSLC Summerland Beach Legacy Well P&A's
- Unocal Ventura Tanker
- Chevron 4H Platforms
- Exxon Belmont Island
- PG&E Line 182
- PG&E SF-Oakland Bay Bridge 10" DRM Reroute
- El Paso Hercules San Pablo Bay MOT
- Exxon OST Facility (OCS)
- SWARS Subsea Well Abandonment Program
- Gaviota Marine Terminal

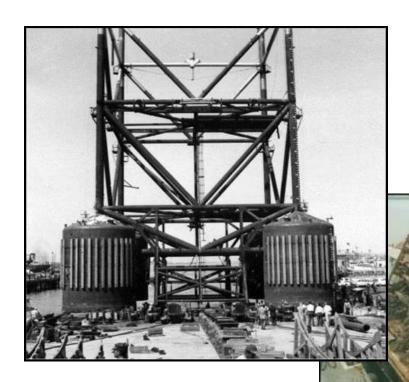
- Unocal Cojo Marine Terminal
- Mobil Seacliff Pier Complex
- Texaco Hollister Ranch Pipeline and Onshore Processing Facilities
- ARCO Bird Island
- SCE SONGS 1 OTC
- SCE Mandalay MOT
- CSLC Coastal Hazards Removal Program
- PG&E Line 114, Line 114-1 and Line SP4Z San Joaquin River





#### **Chevron 4H Platforms**

- Permitting Know the Issues
- Technical Know the Facility









#### **Exxon Belmont Island**

- Permitting Artificial Reefing
- Technical Know the Facility







### **Unocal Cojo Marine Terminal**

- Permitting T&E Issues
- Technical Site Conditions Impact Methods







#### Mobil Seacliff Pier Complex and ARCO Bird Island

Permitting – The Art of Explosives

 Technical – Improvements in Cutting Tech









#### **SCE Mandalay Marine Oil Terminal**

- Permitting Don't Underestimate
  Surf Zones and Their Surprises
- Technical Pig, Pig, Pig

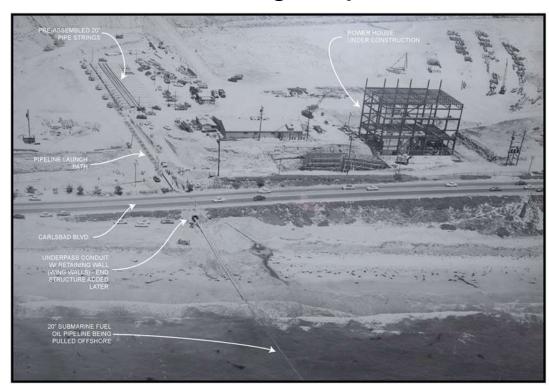






### **Current Decommissioning Project Overview**

 Encina Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning Project



 Morro Bay Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning Project

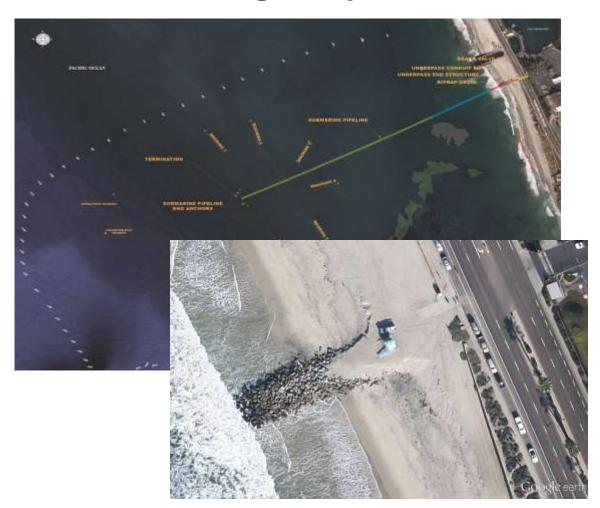






### **Encina Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning Project**

- Cabrillo Power LLC
- Encina Power Station, City of Carlsbad.
- Installation in 1953.
- Project Components
  - 3,855 feet of submarine pipeline
  - Mooring anchors
  - Beach rip-rap
  - Underpass
  - Beach valve pit

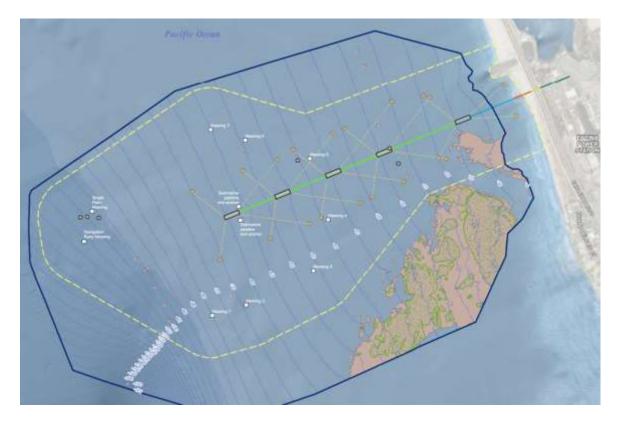






#### **Application Process and Key Dates**

- Formal Decommissioning Application Filed in July 2014
- CSLC MND completed December 2015
- Remaining permits acquired:
  - CCC CDP November 8, 2016
  - ACOE 404 February 15, 2017
  - State Parks March 1, 2017
  - RWQCB 401 April 26, 2017
  - Archaeological Permit February 9, 2018
- Work started January 2, 2018
- Work suspended May 31, 2018







#### **Encina Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning Project**

#### **Technical**

 Contract Based on a Comprehensive Set of Plans and Specifications

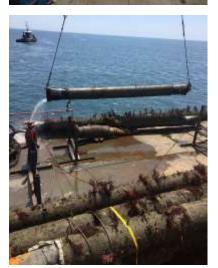
 Contractors Typically Aren't Prepared for the Level of Administrative and Technical Support Required by Marine Decom

Projects













### Morro Bay Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning

- Dynegy Morro Bay LLS
- Morro Bay Power Plant, City of Morro Bay
- Facilities Constructed circa 1954
  - CSLC Lease PRC 1390.1 Originated 1954.
    CSLC Lease Revised 1976 and 2004
  - Tanker Berth Mooring System and Cargo Hoses Removed in 1996
  - Tanker Berth Operational Status Changed to USCG "Caretaker" Status in 1997
- Project Components
  - MBPP Facilities
  - Pipeline Segments (16- and 24 inch)
    - Sand Dune Segment (1,180 ft)
    - Beach Segment (810 ft)
    - Surf Zone Segment (1,300 ft)
    - Offshore Segment (2,500 ft)

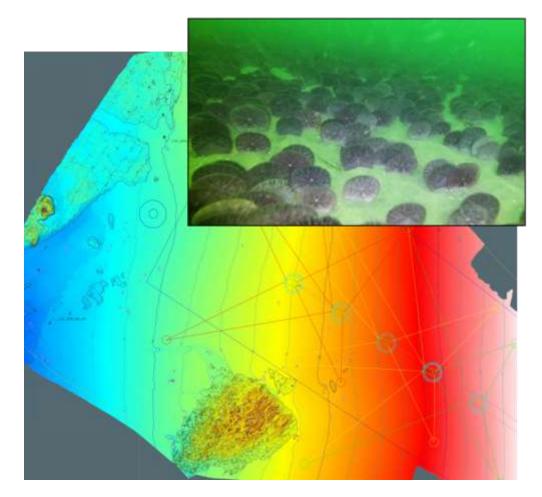






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- Duke Energy submitted CSLC Application for Decommissioning – September 2004 (application withdrawn)
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- CSLC MND completed February 2018
- Final Permits acquired August 2018
- Work started August 2018





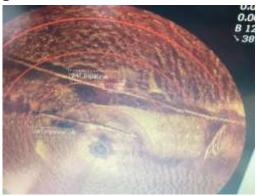


#### Morro Bay Marine Oil Terminal Decommissioning

#### Challenges

- Old Facilities Come with Surprises
- Pig, Pig, Pig
- Timing is Everything on Coastal Projects
- Things Change The Lagoon
- West Coast Offshore Contractor Resources Aren't What They Used to Be
- Offshore Successes Surgical Excavation, Shearing and Grappling















# Lessons Learned and Observations for Upcoming West Decommissioning Projects

- State Waters Facilities
  - Platform Holly Ellwood Field
  - Rincon Island
  - Estero Marine Terminal
  - Morro Bay Marine Oil Terminal
  - Grubb Lease Intake/Outfall
  - Encina Marine Oil Terminal

- OCS Facilities
  - Point Arguello Field
  - Santa Clara Unit
  - Platform Habitat
- Non-Oil and Gas Facilities
  - Diablo Nuclear Power Generation
    Station
  - San Onofre Nuclear Power
    Generation Station
  - AT&T Fiber Optic Cables
  - Numerous Intake/Outfall Structures





#### **Future Permitting Challenges**

- Federal, State and Local agencies have not permitted a large scale decommissioning project.
  - Regulatory approval timelines and requirement increase complexity in scheduling and implementing a project.
  - Integration of key regulatory processes untested and likely will requirement extended permitting timeline.
  - Strong entrenched NGO positions will likely complicate and extend the permitting process.
- Alternative/reuse should be examined
- Abandonment in place alternatives may be best alternatives should be carefully considered:
  - Structural integrity and depth of burial can present environmental and safety challenges
  - Long term liability issues complicate otherwise viable options.
- Aging facilities present many new challenges during the implementation phase and these uncertainties need to be built into the permit approach and final permit conditions.





#### **Future Implementation Challenges**

- Installations were not designed with removal in mind.
  - Installation process used gravity and techniques that are often hard to permit today.
- Aging facilities become increasingly more difficult to remove.
- Facility modification over time are often not well documented and can present unexpected challenges during decommissioning
- Sea state present operational and safety challenges.
- West Coast decommissioning equipment and experience is limited.





#### **Key Lessons Learned**

- The fact it was successfully installed does not mean it can be taken out –
  Gravity is not on your side.
- Regulatory agency staff need to be shown the engineering and environmental challenges facing a project.
- Time is not on your side.
  - Start engineering and permitting process as soon as possible.
  - Identify and understand key issues and drivers.
- Work with an integrated team.
- The surf zone is not your friend.